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Linux is just BETTER. This post is not to tell everyone how bad Windows is. For a few, using windows is a choice, for the many, it isnt. So I'm going to list the pros and cons of Windows and Linux and then give my reasoning for using Linux. Windows 98: Pro- Good Hardware Support Pro- Good Game Support Con- Poor Stability Con- Poor use of Hardware Con- Expensive Con- Not very cutting edge. Linux: Pro-More Software (Linux runs most windows software) Pro-Better use of hardware (Linux takes full advantage of a state of the art machine while windows treats all machines the same) Pro-Free (Everything on linux is FREE!) Pro-Always on the cutting edge. Pro-Totally configurable in every way. Con-Tough to configure and get working Con-Poor Hardware Support Con-Poor Game Support If you have a Pentium 4, with over 256 megs of ram, a SCSI harddrive or raid setup, and you are using Windows98 then you are a fool, you are wasting your money because Windows wasnt designed to take advantage of the power of the Pentium 4 however Linux IS optimized for special Pentium 4 specific instructions. Windows98 cannot do raid, Windows2000 can do it, however Windows handles the swapfile very poorly, no matter how much ram you have, you can have a gig of ram, your computer still runs at the same speed because Windows is using your swapfile, turning the swapfile off is the only way to handle this problem. Windows is very unstable, one program easily can crash your entire system, this is rare in linux as linux is designed to stay up for years at a time. Windows also lacks power, you cannot script it, I wont go into detail but with full scripting you can do things like delete all mp3 files in 5 folders on your HD in one command while in windows you have to open each folder up and point and click. The only way your hardware is used in Windows is for gaming, so unless you play a game 24/7 your hardware isnt really being used is it? Linux actually uses the power of your machine, if you have a Gforce3 card, you'll actually be able to use the special effects of the Gforce3 in your interface <http://images.themes.org/shots/982758182.jpg> <http://images.themes.org/shots/977698312.jpg> <http://images.themes.org/themes/e/shots/935259274.jpg> <http://images.themes.org/shots/987981619.jpg> The only thing compareable is OSX on the Mac, Linux is out of Window's League in terms of Interface. Even WindowsXP looks weak when compared to a Linux interface and the interface is Xps only new feature. The best Windows can do to its interace is throw a little skin on top of it, big deal. Linux can do scaling, which means you can shrink stuff and zoom in, XP cannot do it and no plugin will allow windows to do it. Heres WindowsXP, see for yourself. http://www.winsupersite.com/images/reviews/winxp_2462_002.gif Even Linux can do XP better than XP can! <http://images.themes.org/shots/990437226.jpg> Its a shame when your competition does your OS better than you do! Not only does Linux let you take advantage of having a super powerful machine with its interface, but via scripts, you can let the machine think for itself, using AI and automation, taking further advantage of your 2ghz beast of a CPU. While windows kills Linux when it comes to playing games, Linux is better for just able everything else, So anyone whos a power user should definately be using Linux. Windows? Thats for the casual user who just uses their computer to play games and occassionally check their email. It wouldnt surprise me if most people here fit into that catagory, but for someone who wants complete control of their machine that they spent thousands of dollars to buy, Linux is the answer. Newbies however should stick with Windows.

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Newbies however should stick with Windows. Elitist propaganda. there is no such thing as a newbie, only someone who thinks they are better then they really are. Besides, people push Linux as being superior to Windows, everyone should be using it, but at the same time, you get all high and mighty to anyone who questions you.

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Linux_User <r00tus...@hotmail.com wrote in message Con- Poor use of Hardware All my hardware runs fine. Though I couldn't even get my network card to work in Lunix. I've heard other people talking about thier graphics cards not being supported. I got my graphics card to work, though I couldn't use that useless anXious program that I was supposed to use. Used XF86-setup or config or whatever. Rob Owner of 2501 Netstalker Points awarded by Corwin of Amber, mainly because Atma's just too damn attractive to get away from. Gave 7499 Netstalker Points to Cypher because there's no such thing as a good day on AGFF without JT bashing! ...idiots, imbeciles, aliens, the insane and women...

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Recently a company that makes Linux ports of games went out of business... since there isnt much of a market for it... and again.. emulating means the game runs slower IF it can be emulated Loki Games filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, they are not out of business yet and they have a good chance of surviving.

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not being able to make it work? Uh, but I got it to work. I got it to work well, with almost all the software I could want with an OS (e-mail, Usenet, Web, IRC, word processing, etc), and nothing popped out at me that would make Linux substantially more appealing than Windows. There's no point in waiting for something that isn't coming. Rob Owner of 2501 Netstalker Points awarded by Corwin of Amber, mainly because Atma's just too damn attractive to get away from. Gave 7499 Netstalker Points to Cypher because there's no such thing as a good day on AGFF without JT bashing! ...idiots, imbeciles, aliens, the insane and women...

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In a relative sense, not an absolute one. Windows is certainly stable enough for all but the most anal of PC users. anal user: one who wants to do more than play games on a computer system I want to do more than play games on a computer system, and Windows works just fine. Yes, so far I have a fine time using it for sound editing, graphics editing, programming, writing, watching movies, using ht einترنت, plaing games, chat, etc, etc.

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I'll concede that you can play a lot of games on Linux using a Windows emulator, but that still doesn't give any reason to change from Windows to Linux. Delete all MP3s in five folders? C: cd C:\ erase *.mp3 And repeat. typing this out 5 times? thats patience Actually, there's a way to shorten this to five lines: C: erase c:*.mp3 And repeat. Rob Owner of 2501 Netstalker Points awarded by Corwin of Amber, mainly because Atma's just too damn attractive to get away from. Gave 7499 Netstalker Points to Cypher because there's no such thing as a good day on AGFF without JT bashing! ...idiots, imbeciles, aliens, the insane and women...

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all that is linked to it is covered by gpl, which is where i was wrong, because i was using dynamically linked software as linked software, i apologize for the mistake, but i dont see how i am sooo stupid. You're making Linux users look like fools was he implication I think.

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you don't get it yet, I don't really understand why it matters that an OS has to be cutting edge. Hardware, sure. Applications, OK. But the demands for an OS don't exactly change to such a great extent over a short period of time. Pro-Totally configurable in every way. Con-Totally impossible to configure unless you like reading page upon page of overly-technical FAQs and instructions. Con-Tough to configure and get working Con-Poor Hardware Support Con-Poor Game Support I'll concede that you can play a lot of games on Linux using a Windows emulator, but that still doesn't give any reason to change from Windows to Linux. If you have a Pentium 4, with over 256 megs of ram, a SCSI harddrive or raid setup, and you are using Windows98 then you are a fool, you are You're a fool if you have a P4 anyway. Get an Athlon. Windows is very unstable, one program easily can crash your entire system, this is rare in linux as linux is designed to stay up for years It's also rare in Windows, unless by crash you mean having to reboot your computer. Even then it's not very common to have to reboot because of one program. It's a cumulative effect. Windows also lacks power, you cannot script it, I wont go into detail but with full scripting you can do things like delete all mp3 files in 5 folders on your HD in one command while in windows you have to open each folder up and point and click. Delete all MP3s in five folders? C: cd C:\ erase *.mp3 And repeat. BTW, I could do it even faster than that, because I keep almost all of my MP3s in one folder with nothing else but Winamp. It's called organization. The only way your hardware is used in Windows is for gaming, so unless you play a game 24/7 your hardware isnt really being used is it? Sure it is. The only way my hardware _needs_ to be used is for gaming. Nothing else I do requires that much power. Linux actually uses the power of your machine, if you have a Gforce3 card, you'll actually be able to use the special effects of the Gforce3 in your interface <http://images.themes.org/shots/982758182.jpg> <http://images.themes.org/shots/977698312.jpg> <http://images.themes.org/themes/e/shots/935259274.jpg> <http://images.themes.org/shots/987981619.jpg> I assume you're mainly talking about the transparent windows, which look pretty ugly. And how long does it take to set up something like this, anyway? The default interface is really what matters, and the default interface of GNOME is awful. Heres WindowsXP, see for yourself. http://www.winsupersite.com/images/reviews/winxp_2462_002.gif Even Linux can do XP better than XP can! <http://images.themes.org/shots/990437226.jpg> <http://images.themes.org/shots/990437226.jpg> Yay, someone put the regular interface on top of the same desktop background. You guys are so 133+. Newbies however should stick with Windows. Hurf, newbies. I've been using DOS and/or Windows since I was 8. Used Linux a month or two ago, got it running 100% (which was a big chore, and I still couldn't get the internal MIDI sound to work, which would've forced me to waste several hours getting that MIDI emulation program if I'd been so inclined) and after a couple days decided that there was absolutely nothing in it that made it worth dropping Windows for. Rob Owner of 2501 Netstalker Points awarded by Corwin of Amber, mainly because Atma's just too damn attractive to get away from. Gave 7499 Netstalker Points to Cypher because there's no such thing as a good day on AGFF without JT bashing! ...idiots, imbeciles, aliens, the insane and women...

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Oh, so Netscape is Free then. I'm sure they'll be delighted to hear that. Um, yes, Netscape is free. Where have you been? It has been free for years now. If you are buying it in a store then you are paying for media and packaging, not for the program. The program is completely free to download for all OSes that they write it for.

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